

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

The Specification has been objected to. The Specification has been amended to overcome this objection.

Claims 1-15, 22, and 24-26 have been rejected under statutory-type double patenting. Claims 16, 20, 21, and 23 have been rejected under obviousness-type double patenting. Claims 17-19 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

A Terminal Disclaimer has been filed concurrently with this Amendment thereby overcoming the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Claims 1, 6, 9, and 22 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claim 16 has been amended to stand independently. Claim 16, as well as claims 2-5, 7-8, and 10-15 which now depend from claim 16, are in condition for allowance.

Claim 17 has been amended to stand independently. Claim 17, as well as claim 18 which now depends from claim 17, are in condition for allowance.

Claim 19 has been amended to stand independently. Claim 19 is in condition for allowance.

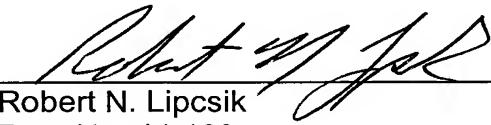
Claim 20, as well as claim 21 which depends from claim 20, are in condition for allowance.

Claim 23 has been amended to stand independently. Claim 23, as well as claims 24-26 which now depend from claim 23, are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,



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